

Dubois County EQIP Ranking Sheet
2003

Applicant: _____ Farm #: _____ Tract #: _____
Date: _____ Ranked By: _____ Applicant's Initials: _____

EROSION

YES NO (Points for "yes" answers in parenthesis)

- _____ (3) _____ Do you have gully erosion? (Visible erosion due to runoff) (select 1)
_____ (2) _____ Gullies 1000 feet in length, or greater
_____ (1) _____ Gullies 500 to 999 feet in length
_____ (1) _____ Gullies less than 500 feet in length
_____ (2) _____ Do you have stream bank erosion that you will stabilize using EQIP funding?
_____ (1) _____ Is the area offered for contract 50% or more highly erodible?
_____ (1) _____ Will you improve your grazing system by doing pasture renovation, adding a water source, fencing, or rotational grazing?
_____ (1) _____ Will you switch to a method for no-till corn planting on HEL ground for the life of the contract?
_____ (1) _____ Will you utilize a cover crop? (10 acre, minimum)
_____ (1) _____ Will you convert cropland to grassland or woodland? (1 acre, minimum)

_____ Total; 10 points possible, maximum.

High: 5 or more points

Medium: 3, 4 points

Low: 1-2 points

LIVESTOCK

YES NO (Points for "yes" answers in parenthesis)

- _____ (3) _____ Will waste storage practices be installed and a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan developed?
_____ (1) _____ Will mortality disposal practices be implemented?
_____ (1) _____ Will you develop a nutrient management plan?
_____ (3) _____ Will you develop a prescribed grazing system with a pasture management plan, including a water source, pasture renovation, fencing and rotational grazing?
_____ (1) _____ If livestock currently have free access to water bodies, will livestock exclusion be implemented?

_____ Total; 9 points possible.

High: 4 or more points

Medium: 2-3 points

Low: 1-2 points

WATER QUALITY

YES NO (Points for “yes” answers in parenthesis)

- ____(1)____ Will a waste management plan be developed?
- ____(1)____ Will a nutrient management plan be developed?
- ____(1)____ Will a pest management plan be developed?
- ____(1)____ Will buffer practices be installed on the area offered for contract? Buffer practices include filter strips, riparian buffers and grass waterways.
- ____(1)____ If livestock currently have free access to waterbodies will the practices needed to exclude them be installed?
- ____(1)____ Is the area offered for contract 50% or more highly erodible?
- ____(1)____ Will you convert cropland to grass or woodland? (1 acre, minimum)

____ Total; 7 points possible.

High: 4 or more points

Medium: 3 points

Low: 1-2 points

FOREST HEALTH

YES NO (Points for “yes” answers in parenthesis)

- ____(3)____ Will you do hardwood reforestation? (Utilizing a maintenance plan developed by a forester is encouraged) (select one)
- ____(2)____ Reforestation of greater than 10 acres
- ____(1)____ Reforestation of 5 to 9 acres, or in riparian areas.
- ____(1)____ Reforestation of 1 to 4 acres.
- ____(1)____ Will your reforestation projects connect existing forests or enlarge existing forests rather than create new isolated forests?
- ____(1)____ Will your EQIP plan address a forest area of 10 acres or more?
- ____(1)____ Will your EQIP plan address pest management, to control invasive plant or insect species?
- ____(1)____ Will livestock exclusion practices be installed to prevent animal access to wooded land?
- ____(2)____ Will you perform timber stand improvements? (select one)
- ____(1)____ TSI on 25 or more acres
- ____(1)____ TSI on 10 to 24 acres

____ Total; 9 points possible, maximum.

High: 4 or more points

Medium: 3 points

Low: 1-2 points